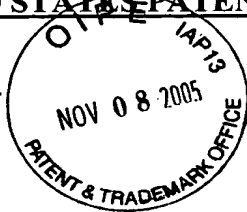


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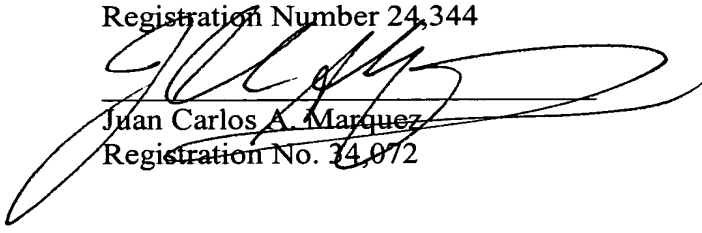
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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on November 2, 2005, the period of response to which is set to expire on December 2, 2005. Please further amend the above-referenced application as follows: